

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of forming an image by an inkjet recording system using an oil based ink composition, comprising discharging an oil based ink composition from an inkjet recording device,

wherein the ~~An~~ oil based ink composition for inkjet printer comprising comprises fine particles dispersed in a non-aqueous dispersion medium, wherein the fine particles are obtained by melting and kneading a coloring agent and a binder resin to provide a colored mixture and subjecting the colored mixture to wet dispersion, wherein each fine particle comprises the coloring agent and the binder resin, and wherein the coloring agent is coated with the binder resin, and ~~a coloring agent and a binder resin in a non-aqueous dispersion medium,~~

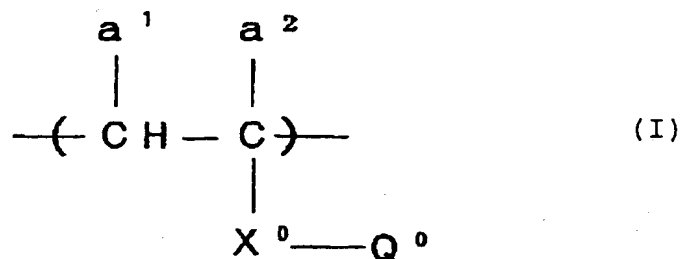
wherein the binder resin comprises a block copolymer having a repeating unit (a) corresponding to a monofunctional monomer containing an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms or a graft copolymer having the repeating unit (a) in the main chain thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method ~~oil based ink composition for inkjet printer~~ as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the binder resin comprises a block copolymer having the repeating unit (a) corresponding to a monofunctional monomer containing an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms and a repeating unit (b1)

corresponding to a monofunctional monomer, which is capable of copolymerizing with the monofunctional monomer of the repeating unit (a) and a homopolymer of which is soluble in the non-aqueous dispersion medium.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method oil-based ink composition for inkjet printer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the binder resin comprises a graft copolymer having the repeating unit (a) corresponding to a monofunctional monomer containing an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms in the main chain thereof and a repeating unit (b2) corresponding to a macromonomer, which is capable of copolymerizing with the monofunctional monomer of the repeating unit (a) and is soluble in the non-aqueous dispersion medium in the graft portion (side chain) thereof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method oil-based ink composition for inkjet printer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the repeating unit (a) is a repeating unit represented by the following formula (I):



wherein, X^0 represents a connecting group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{COO}-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_k-\text{OCO}-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_k-\text{COO}-$, $-\text{COO}(\text{CH}_2)_k-$, $-\text{COO}(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_k-$, $-\text{CONHCOO}-$, $-\text{CONHCONH}-$, $-\text{O}-$, and a combination of these groups; k represents an integer of from 1 to 3; a^1 and a^2 , which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen

atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, -COO-Z¹, or -COO-Z¹ connected through a hydrocarbon group; Z¹ represents a hydrogen atom or an hydrocarbon group; and Q⁰ represents an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 5 to 30 carbon atoms.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method ~~oil based ink composition for inkjet printer~~ as claimed in Claim 1, ~~which~~ wherein the oil based ink composition further comprises a dispersant for pigment.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (New): The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the oil based ink composition has a viscosity of from 1.0 to 40 cp at 25°C.